GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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REQUIREMENT OF COMMERCIAL PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) The total number of commercial pilots serving in India at present;

(b) The shortfall in the number of commercial pilots at present;

(c) The projected requirement of commercial pilots in the next five years; and

(d) The steps taken by the Government to meet the requirement of the commercial pilots?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) issues licences/ratings to pilots after ascertaining the requirements as laid down in Aircraft Rules, 1937. DGCA has issued a total of 2300 Commercial Pilot Licences and 1500 Airlines Transport Pilot Licences and it does not maintain any record regarding employment of pilots.

(b):- At present there is a shortfall of 880 commercial pilots.

(c):- The projected requirement of commercial pilots in the next five years as given by airlines is 4800 pilots.

(d):- To meet the demand the Government proposes to set up a new flying training insitute at Gondia in Maharashtra and upgrade Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi at Rae Bareli and strengthen the flying clubs in the country. Further the maximum age limit for pilots has been enhanced from 60 to 65 years subject to medical fitness.